

CASE: 1244

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

19 February 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: NAME STEVEN M. HASTINGS
1244 AND PETER J. RUSSELL 1244

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 January 1993

ON 3 AND 4 NOV 92, DURING THE 20TH JFA, FOUR WITNESSES, ALL OF WHOM WERE INTERVIEWED DURING PREVIOUS JFA'S, WERE INTERVIEWED. THREE WITNESSES PROVIDED HEARSAY TESTIMONY INDICATING THAT SOMETIME IN 1968, AN AMERICAN SUSTAINED A MINOR LEG INJURY DURING AN AIRCRAFT CRASH. FIRSTHAND TESTIMONY INDICATED THE AMERICAN CONTRACTED MALARIA AND WAS TRANSPORTED THROUGH MOUNTAINOUS JUNGLE TERRAIN BY STRETCHER TO A DISPENSARY IN THE BU DANG AREA. THE AMERICAN DIED OF THE MALARIA AND WAS BURIED IN THE AREA OF THE DISPENSARY. ONLY A GENERAL AREA OF THE BURIAL SITE WAS PROVIDED. THE LACK OF WITNESS TESTIMONY REGARDING THE LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT PRECLUDED ASSIGNING A PROBABLE ASSOCIATION TO EITHER CASE 1131 OR 1244. FURTHER UNILATERAL EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE SITE OF THE FORMER DISPENSARY WILL BE RECOMMENDED. (REF 6)

7 August 1993

FROM 17 THROUGH 22 JUN 93, THE PCIT INVESTIGATED CASE 1244 IN SONG BE PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED SIMILAR TESTIMONY OF AN INCIDENT INVOLVING THE JUL-SEP 1968 CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN FOLLOWING THE CRASH OF HIS HELICOPTER NEAR THE VILLAGE OF THONG NHAT. THE AMERICAN WAS TRANSPORTED TO A FIELD DISPENSARY AT DUC BON WHERE HE WAS TREATED FOR MALARIA AND LATER DIED. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS IN SONG BE PROVINCE DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SUPPORTING ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTATION ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1244. (REF 8)

26 August 1993

DURING THE 1-17 JUNE 1989 TIME PERIOD, THE JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED A FEMALE WITNESS WHO ALLEGEDLY TREATED A MALE CAUCASIAN AMERICAN WHO HAD BEEN INJURED IN AN AIRCRAFT CRASH IN THONG NHAT VILLAGE (YU5004) IN 1968. ANOTHER WITNESS SAID A 23 YOA MALE CAUCASIAN AMERICAN WAS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL 370 FOR TREATMENT OF MALARIA. THE AMERICAN DIED DUE TO MALARIA ABOUT ONE WEEK AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AND THE WITNESS BURIED THE BODY NEAR THE HOSPITAL. LOCAL PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THEY SUSPECTED THE WITNESS WHO BURIED THE BODY HAD GONE BACK DURING 1987 TO EXHUME THE REMAINS IN ORDER TO SELL THEM. (REF 9)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 13 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1248-1-02 (ACCNO 1086) Status: (T) RELEASED
Name: SHANAHAN, JOSEPH FRANCIS Date Status assigned: 14 Mar 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	03	Hair		Complexion	
SSAN		Eyes		Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	in / 0.00 mtrs	Weapon No	K662344
Birth date	15 Oct 1936	Weight	lb / 0.0 kg	Duty pos	NAVIGATOR
Home State		Religion		PW Camp	HANOI PW DETE

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	
UTM:	48QXE450450	48QWJ883248
Lat/Long:	173518N / 1062160E	210125N / 1055059E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	4	3
Mission Province:	QUANG BINH	HA NOI
(formerly):		HANOI
Mission District:	BO TRACH	HOAN KIEM
Mission Date:	15 Aug 1968	
Mission Category:	3	\$
Local Analysis:	None.	

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Investigations: Jan 89, Aug 93
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Additional Information Obtained: Apr 90
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	RF4C	Serial:	447
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REFNO: 1248-2-01 (ACCNO 0825) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 13 Jun 1978

Nationality
Service
Grade
SSAN
Serial No
Birth date
Home State
|Religion
|PW Camp \$

DATA

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (2)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	
UTM:	48QXE450450	48QXE451451
Lat/Long:	173518N / 1062160E	173521N / 1062203E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	4	
Mission Province:	QUANG BINH	
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=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

26 October 1991

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM BO TRACH DIST. DOCUMENTS DURING THE 14TH ITERATION. "19. 16 AUG 68; CU NAM MILITIA; SHANAHAN, FR72170; CAPTAN;" THIS INFORMATION CORRELATES TO REFNO 1248-1-02, CAPTAIN JOSEPH F. SHANAHAN, A RESOLVED INCIDENT. AN ENTRY FROM PAGE THREE OF THIS

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DOCUMENT (PARA 4Q) ALSO PROVIDES INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF
CAPTAIN SHANAHAN. (REF 4)

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Grade 03	Hair	Complexion
SSAN	Eyes	Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No 27170	Height in /0.00 mtrs	Weapon No K662344
Birth date 15 Oct 1936	Weight lb / 0.0 kg	Duty pos NAVIGATOR
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Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	03	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	71 in /1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	K646652
Birth date		Weight	194 lb / 87.9 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	DATA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 2 NOVEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1248-1-02 (ACCNO 1086) Status: (T) RELEASED
Name: SHANAHAN, JOSEPH FRANCIS Date Status assigned: 14 Mar 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	03	Hair		Complexion	
SSAN		Eyes		Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	in /0.00 mtrs	Weapon No	K662344
Birth date		Weight	lb / 0.0 kg	Duty pos	NAVIGATOR
Home State		Religion		PW Camp	HANOI PW DETE

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	
UTM:	48QXE450450	48QWJ883248
Lat/Long:	173518N / 1062160E	210125N / 1055059E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	4	3
Mission Province:	QUANG BINH	HA NOI
(formerly):		HANOI
Mission District:	BO TRACH	HOAN KIEM
Mission Date:	15 Aug 1968	
Mission Category:	3	\$
Local Analysis:	None.	

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Investigations: Jan 89, Aug 93
Surveys: Jan 89, Aug 93
Additional Information Obtained: Apr 90
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: RF4C	Serial: 447
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J7915
Call Sign: DOBE	1 Serial: 418398
Year: 66	2 Serial: 418558

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 2 NOVEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1248-2-01 (ACCNO 0825) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 13 Jun 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	03	Hair		Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	DATA	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No		Height		Weapon No	K646652
Birth date		Weight		Duty pos	PILOT
Home State		Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (2)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	
UTM:	48QXE450450	48QXE451451
Lat/Long:	173518N / 1062160E	173521N / 1062203E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	4	
Mission Province:	QUANG BINH	
(formerly):		
Mission District:	B0 TRACH	
Mission Date:	15 Aug 1968	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	None.	Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES
Folders Passed: Jul 93, Apr 85, Aug 79, Oct 77
Investigations: Jan 89, Aug 93
Surveys: Jan 89, Aug 93
Additional Information Obtained: Apr 90
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: DISCREPANCY
Survivability: (1) Out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

2 September 1975

ON 15 AUGUST 1968 NAME, PILOT, AND CAPT JOSEPH F. SHANAHAN, NAVIGATOR, DEPARTED UDORN RTAFB IN AN RF4C, (#66-0447), ON A SOLO PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. AT ABOUT 0805 HOURS THE LAST RADAR CONTACT WAS MADE WITH NAME AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XE 450 450. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, A MAYDAY CALL WAS HEARD. AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA REPORTED BEEPER AND MAYDAY SIGNALS BUT NO DEFINITE LOCATION COULD BE MADE. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE SUSPENDED ON 15 AUGUST 1968. (REF 1)

ACCORDING TO CAPT SHANAHAN'S DEBRIEF, BOTH CREWMEMBERS EJECTED SUCCESSFULLY. HE OBSERVED NAME COLLAPSED PARACHUTE AND HEARD HIS MAYDAY CALL ON HIS SURVIVAL RADIO. CAPT SHANAHAN LANDED IN THE BACKYARD OF A VILLAGE HUT AND WAS IMMEDIATELY CAPTURED. AS CAPT SHANAHAN WAS BEING LED AWAY, HE HEARD CONTINUOUS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM NAME LOCATION. ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER HE WAS GIVEN NAME BOOTS, BUT HE NEVER SAW OR HEARD OF NAME AGAIN. A SOURCE REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE PILOTS WAS KILLED BY SHOOTING. (INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS PROBABLY AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF NAME FATE AFTER HIS SUCCESSFUL EJECTION). (REF 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. IN MARCH 1973 CAPT SHANAHAN WAS RELEASED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. NAME IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

1 November 1985

DURING THE NOVEMBER 1985 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI THE SRV PASSED REMAINS ALLEGED TO BE NAME; HOWEVER THE CIL-HI COULD NOT CORRELATE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS.

=== REFERENCES ===

2 September 1975

REFERENCES: <1> , RPT, 432D TRW AF 484 W/ATTACHMENTS, 19 AUG 68. <2> MSG, 13AF, 160504Z MAR 73. <3> LNO BKK TH 161655Z NOV 85. <4> CDR JCRC, BARBERS PT. HI, 182202Z SEP 91. <5> JCRC LNO /100706 FEB 89. <6> 080800Z JUN 90 JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH. <7> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFF DET ONE BANGKOK TH. <8> JTF-FA DET 2 FAX (831-93), 3 SEP 93. <9> CDR, JTF-FA/J2 280702Z OCT 93.

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 April 1985

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON 26 OCT 1977 FOR EVENTUAL DELIVERY TO THE SRV DELEGATION IN PARIS. A SECOND FOLDER WAS PROVIDED TO THE SRV IN HANOI ON 11 AUG 79 BY MEMBERS OF THE WOLFF DELEGATION. ANOTHER FOLDER WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE 17-20 APR 85 JCRC TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

30 April 1990

JCRC PASSED A NARRATIVE TO THE SRV DURING THE 10 APRIL 90 REPATRIATION IN HANOI.

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

2 September 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: *Name* 1248-2-01, AND JOSEPH F. SHANAHAN 1248-1-02.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

12 July 1977

INCIDENT LOCATION CHANGED FROM XE430702 TO XE450450 AND LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR 1248-2-01 OF XE451451 ENTERED BASED ON SHANAHAN DEBRIEF.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

8 September 1992

ON 17 AND 21 JAN 89, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED A CASE NEAR CU NAM VILLAGE, XE502501, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO THE WITNESSES INTERVIEWED, AN RF-4C WAS SHOT DOWN OVER THE VILLAGE DURING THE FIFTH LUNAR MONTH OF 1968. BOTH PILOTS EJECTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT. ONE PILOT WAS CAPTURED IMMEDIATELY AND THE OTHER WAS SHOT AND KILLED WHEN HE RESISTED CAPTURE. ADDITIONALLY, THE TEAM SURVEYED BOTH THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE AND BURIAL LOCATION. THE BURIAL LOCATION POINTED OUT TO THE TEAM WAS A 50 X 30 METER AREA THAT IS CURRENTLY A CULTIVATED FIELD. MATERIAL EVIDENCE WAS DISCOVERED AT THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE. THE INFORMATION

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PROVIDED BY THE WITNESSES IS CONSISTENT WITH THE KNOWN FACTS OF THE REFNO 1248 INCIDENT. THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, LOCATION, AND DATE ALL CORRELATE WITH THIS INCIDENT. BOTH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT. ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS, CAPTAIN SHANAHAN WAS CAPTURED AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. CAPTAIN SHANAHAN REPORTED HE HEARD CONTINUOUS SMALL ARMS FIRE COMING FROM THE AREA WHERE *NAME* HAD LANDED. ADDITIONALLY, ANALYSIS OF THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE DETERMINED THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AS AN F-4. (REF 5)

9 September 1993

DURING THE 10TH JFA, THE JOINT TEAM TRAVELLED TO CU NAM VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE EXCAVATION OF AN ISOLATED BURIAL SITE ASSOCIATED TO THIS CASE. THE BURIAL SITE WAS UNABLE TO BE LOCATED WITH ANY PRECISION AND THE VNOSMP PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FROM PROVINCE RECORDS, SUGGESTING THREE OTHER POSSIBLE BURIAL LOCATIONS. (REF 6)

5 October 1993

ON 1 AND 4 SEP 93, IE1 TRAVELLED TO CU NAM AND PHUC TRACH VILLAGES, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1248. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES IN CU NAM VILLAGE WHO TOLD OF THE CAPTURE, DEATH AND BURIAL OF A DOWNED CREWMAN. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE IN CU NAM VILLAGE AND THIS SITE CORRELATES TO THE CASE. IMPENETRABLE JUNGLE AND SHEER MOUNTAIN CLIFFS CREATED DANGEROUS CONDITIONS THWARTING THE TEAM'S ATTEMPTS TO SURVEY THE LAST KNOWN INCIDENT LOCATION. IE1 CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. (REF 7)

=== MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ===

1 May 1991

DURING THE 13 - 16 NOV 85 JCRC/VNOSMP TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI, VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS PASSED THE MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD AND GENEVA CONVENTION CARD OF *NAME*, USAF, TO U.S. OFFICIALS. THE VIETNAMESE SAID THE REMAINS ARE NO LONGER RECOVERABLE. THE PRESUMED PLACE AND DATE OF DEATH IS QUANG BINH PROVINCE ON 15 AUGUST 1968. (REF 3)

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1 November 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "REGISTER OF U.S. GRAVES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE." LINE ENTRY #10 CORRELATES TO REFNO 1248-2-01 BASED ON PILOT'S NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SERIAL NUMBER AND INCIDENT DATE. (REF 9)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 31 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1250-0-01 (ACCNO 0958) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: MCELHANON, MICHAEL OWEN Date Status assigned: 16 Aug 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	O4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	V189104
Birth date		Weight	180 lb / 81.5 kg	Duty pos	COPILLOT
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXE590445
Lat/Long: 173458N / 1062955E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: BO TRACH
Mission Date: 16 Aug 1968 1045L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 92
Investigations: Jan 89
Surveys: Jan 89, Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F100F	Serial: 3865
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J5721A
Call Sign: MISTY 11	1 Serial: F603786
Year: 56	2 Serial:

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